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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, Map Library
Division, OBGI

1. [REDACTED] has been in charge of the map library since World War II. He has recognized the problems inherent in the potential space requirements of an uncontrolled expansion program in this field. At the moment there are six geographic map procurement officers around the world, and the flow of maps and map related materials, such as atlases and geographic studies, is constant.

2. Recognizing the importance of keeping current as well as maintaining an historical reference collection, the map library has for some years been functioning under a routine of periodic review and reduction of its map holdings. The amount of space, (approximately 17,000 sq. ft.), which the Map Library Division presently uses in [REDACTED], is about the same amount of space that the map library required around 1960.

[REDACTED] has assumed peripheral responsibilities for document procurement officers in the Department of State; however, the documents acquired through their efforts flow through the State Department library and do not normally augment the materials going to the map library. Their collection effort is, however, related to that of the field map collectors. [REDACTED] staff has remained rather consistently between 40 and 43 people. At the moment there are 44 on duty plus one at the Magazine Building map collection.

3. [REDACTED] has advised me that he has what he considers to be all the necessary details and specifications regarding space requirements and floor load information which may be needed in the BPS planning effort. He can foresee no need to expand his staff or the map library area. It must be remembered, however, that the map cases of 5 drawers each are presently stacked 6 high. This would impose an abnormal ceiling height. He stated that his staff is perfectly willing to work on the rolling ladders (6 steps) in order to place or retrieve maps in the higher drawers. If the map library were to be moved to normal ceiling height space, it would require a sizeable increase in square feet of floor space to spread the cabinets in lower stacks. [REDACTED] reemphasized at the end of our discussion that he can foresee no reason to expand his revolving collection during the next 10 years.

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